(d) the steps taken by Central Government to expedite execution of the works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No Sir. There is a ban on declaration of new National Highways due to fund constraints.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Accidents on Delhi-Jaipur and Delhi-Agra Highways

1323. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi-Jaipur and Delhi-Agra highways are the most accident prone of the all highways leading out of the capital;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been done on these routes to know the causes of accidents; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Road accident data on National Highway-wise basis is not maintained by this Ministry.

(b) and (c) To minimize accidents, all the unauthorized gaps in the medians on Delhi-Jaipur and Delhi-Agra National Highways have been recently closed by National Highways Authority of India and encroachments have been removed on both these Highways.

Condition of NH-91

1324. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether condition of NH-91 is not satisfactory; and

(b) if so, what are Government's plans for its repair, maintenance and development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The condition of NH-91 is traffic worthy. Ministry has sanctioned 14 works for improvements of riding quality covering a length of 214 kms. amounting to Rs. 56.90 crores during 2002-2003. These works are now in progress.

(b) Does not arise.

De-reservation of items for small scale sector

1325. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently cleared de-reservation of more items from the small scale sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether de-reservation of the items have been made to favour MNCs and big Industrial houses;

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(e) the likely impact of the de-reservation of more items on SSI Units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have dereserved 75 items from the list of items reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector in June, 2003. The list of items dereserved is enclosed as Statement. (*See* below)

(c) to (e) De-reservation of these items has been effected so as to allow greater opportunities for technological upgradation, promotion of export and achieving economies of scale. As the issue of reservation/ dereservation of items for exclusive manufacture in the Small Scale Industries (SSI) sector is a continuous process, its likely impact is perjodically assessed through consultations with various stakeholders and by the Advisory Committee constituted under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951. These reviews consider various relevant aspects including *inter-alia* domestic & global competitiveness,